

FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
of the
MONTANA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
CONFERENCE CALL
8:33 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
September 20, 2022

1. Call To Order - Establish Quorum - Introduction of Board & Staff Members (00:00:10)

Board Members:

Douglas Kimball, Chair
Mindy Sterner Leach
Ron Benner
Peter Fontana
Kristi Schied

Staff:

Sharon Peterson, EO2
Amanda Reynolds, EO1
Quinlan O'Connor, Department Counsel

Others Present:

Marti Wangen, Montana Optometric Association
Sue Weingartner, Montana Optometric Association

2. Approval and Tentative Modification of Agenda Order (00:01:55)

Motion (00:02:13): Peter Fontana moved to approve the agenda. Ron Benner seconded. Motion carried.

3. Review Minutes – April 19, 2022 (00:02:33)

4. Public Opportunity to Comment (Presiding Officer Statement) (00:03:10)

“The Board now offers the public in attendance an opportunity to comment on any public matter, under the jurisdiction of the Board, that is not on the current agenda. The board cannot act but will listen to comments and may ask staff to place the issue on a future agenda. The presiding officer may limit the comment period to proceed with the board meeting.” No comments

5. Board Action (00:3:47)

a. Rulemaking: MAR 24-168-45 – Proposed Amendments (00:03:57)

- i. 24.168.301 Definitions**
- ii. 24.168.402 Licensure Requirements**
- iii. 24.168.2101 Continuing Education Requirements – Audit**
- iv. 24.168.2104 Approved Continuing Education**
- v. 24.168.2301 Unprofessional Conduct**
- vi. 24.168.411 General Practice Requirements – Proposed Repeal**
 - 1. Public Opportunity to Comment (00:08:07)** No comments
 - 2. Comments from the Montana Optometric Association**
 - 3. Potential Board Motion to Amend and Repeal as Proposed**
 - 4. Small Business Impact Analysis**

b. Board Member Elections (01:37:15)

- i. Public Opportunity to Comment (01:37:22)** No comments
- ii. Elect Presiding Officer, Vice Presiding Officer, Screening Panel Chairperson and Adjudication Chairperson (01:37:37)**

Presiding officer (01:37:50): Pete Fontana nominated Doug Kimball as Presiding Officer. Ron Benner seconded. Motion carried.

Vice Presiding Officer (01:38:40): Doug Kimball nominated Peter Fontana for Vice Presiding Officer. Mindy Sterner Leach seconded. Motion carried.

Screening Panel Chairperson and Adjudication Chairperson (01:41:05): Doug Kimball motioned that Doug Kimball remain the chair of Screening Panel and that Mindy Sterner Leach remain the chair of Adjudication panel. Pete Fontana seconded. Motion carried.

6. ARBO Conference Report – Kristi Schied (01:41:30)

7. Executive Officer Report – Sharon Peterson (01:47:18)

- a. Budget Report (01:47:24)**
- b. Licensing Statistics (01:50:12)**
- c. 2023 Legislative Update (01:50:51)**

8. Next Board Meeting – January 2023 (01:57:19)

9. Adjourn (01:58:50)

Board members moved to adjourn the meeting. Pete Fontana seconded. Motioned carried.

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